Grant of Industrial licences

2334. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) number of cases for grant of industrial licences for export oriented units which are presently pending, State-wise;

(b) the total investment envisaged;

(c) the reasons for delay in granting the requisite permission; and

(d) the steps to be taken to clear the cases early?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 83 proposals to set up 100% Export Oriented Units are pending final decision. State wise position is given in the statement attached (*See* below).

(b) The total investment envisaged in these proposals will be around Rs. 19830.00 crores.

(c) and (d) in certain cases, due to lack of complete information in the applications, additional information/ clarification have to be called for from the applicants which lead to delay in finalising these cases. Such proposals are processed expeditiously as soon as the nescessary details are received.

Statement

Nos. of EOU cases pending State-wise

State	Nos. of Cases
1. Andhra Pradesh	3
2. Gujarat	16
3. Haryana	3
4. Karnataka	6
5. Kerala	2
6. Madhya Pradesh	3
7. Maharashtra	4
8. Orissa	2
9. Punjab	5
10. Rajasthan	2
11. Tamil Nadu	26
12. Uttar Pradesh	3
13. West Bengal	3
14. Delhi	1
15. Goa	1
16. Andaman & Nicobar	1
17. Bihar	1
18. Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1
TOTAL:	83

Integrated infrastructural development scheme for SSIs

2335. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the scheme of integrated infrastructural development for small scale industries;

(b) the response of the SSIs to this scheme;

(c) number of projects sanctioned within this scheme; and

(d) the result of the evaluation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Integrated infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme for Small Scale Industries (SSIs) was launched in rural/backward areas in March 1994 with a view to promoting clusters of small and tiny units in rural/backward areas, building up linkages between agriculture and industry and creating/upgrading infrastructure facilities such as water, power communications etc. So far 20 projcts have been sanctioned under the scheme. It is proposed to carry out evaluation of the scheme as soon as a few

projects become operational. This evaluation will also indicate the response of Small Scale Industries to the scheme.

Relief to SSIs for promotion of Brand Names

2336. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged the Government to provide relief to the small scale sector for promoting brand names;

(b) if so, whether the small scale sector industries in the country are unable to go ahead due to stiff competition and involvement of multinationals; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps Government propose to take to encourage SSIs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry has sent a representation to Chairman, Task Force, Central Board of Excise & Customs and its members on relief for the SSI sector including that on brand name concessions. The Government have examined the suggestions contained in the representation as part of the Budget exercise and it was not found possible to accede to them.

(b) Small scale sector enjoys protection in the form of reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the SSI sector. No medium or large scale units including multinationals are allowed to enter into these areas except with stipulated export obligation. Besides, 409 items are reserved for exclusive purchase from Small scale sector. Small scale sector also gets priority sector lending and excise duty exemptions/concessions.

(c) Other steps taken for encouraging SSIs in the country are:

(i) Providing infrastructural support in integrated manner through Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme.

(ii) Enhanced technology support for modernisation and quality upgradation.

(iii) Enhancement to Entrepreneurship Development Programme by involving voluntary agencies and strengthening Entrepreneurship Development institutes.

(iv) Enhancing the information and data base of SSI sector.

Decision regarding foreign equity participation in Indian ventures

2337. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the liberalisation process there is a need for transparency in Government decisions and there is a lot of dillydallying by Government on taking decision for foreign equity participation in Indian ventures;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the decision on projects are hassled through and no uniform policy decision has been taken on equity participation; and

(d) if so, will the Government come out with a clear-cut transparent policy in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Need for transparency in Govt. decisions on FDI proposals is well recognised. Proposals for foreign direct investment are considered in a compressed time schedule. With a view to streamline the decision making and to bring greater transparency, the Govt. have revamped the foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and issued a set of guidelines for consideration of foreign direct investment proposals.